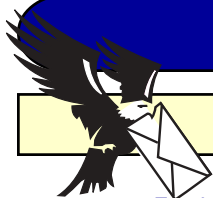


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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Anniversary issue kudos

Just finished reading your article, "The Hanford Site celebrates 60 years of protecting America," (March 24). What a great piece of writing and pictures! You are to be complimented on this effort.

My father and father-in-law were part of the 1943-1960 workforce and were extremely proud of the effort that went into the Hanford Site.

Again, congratulations on a fine piece of work.

Cliff Ledford
Fluor Hanford

➤ **Editors' note:** Hanford history buff Don Sorenson assisted the *Hanford Reach* staff with locating the photos from Hanford's early years in the 1940s. Thanks to Sorenson, some of the men, women and children who shaped the site's history were introduced to our readers.

Be patient with increased security

You know everyone has a job to do. And each job is important to the success of our world as we know it.

Waste Management personnel pick up waste. McDonald's employees wrap burgers. Nurses take temperatures. Accountants balance books. And the Hanford Patrol officers are doing their job for our protection and the protection of the site. Perhaps a heartfelt "Thank you!" instead of belligerence and irritation should be voiced next time you see a Patrol officer. Your cooperation, patience and appreciation at the Hanford barricades and other site gates during these times of increased security conditions will be most appreciated.

Here are some tips to make access faster and easier:

- If your security badge is faded or facial changes have occurred (change in facial hair or hair color), get the badge replaced.
- Carry only what you need in your vehicle. Clean out

your vehicle on Sunday night, making sure to take out any prohibited articles such as ammunition, guns, alcohol, cameras, etc. that you may have left in there from your vacation or weekend adventure. Check and clean out other compartments within the vehicle as well.

- If you have a toolbox in the back of your car or pickup, have the toolbox lid unlocked and ready for inspection prior to arriving at the barricade.
- If you have a vehicle with dark windows, roll the windows down. Include the passenger and rear side windows, so the Patrol officer can see inside. For a sport utility vehicle, van or pickup with a darkened back window, ensure it is unlocked for easy opening.
- Gather your passengers' badges as they enter your vehicle when you pick them up. That way you are prepared and don't cause a delay at the barricade while your passengers find and remove their badges.

Cooperation and preparation keep things rolling along, moods even and tensions low. Keep yourself in control, be prepared, and remember — everyone has a job to do.

LeeAnn Kasperek
Bechtel Hanford



CLASSES

Peak Performance offers courses at HAMMER

Instructors Rick Martinez and Larry Birkhead of Peak Performance Systems, Inc. will offer two training sessions at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for either of these offerings, please contact Rick Martinez, 627-3273, or Libby Sickler via e-mail at Libby_J_Sickler@rl.gov and provide student name and P-Card billing information.

- **Resolving Differences with Others** — April 30, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in classroom 28 of the Administration Building. This one-day class gives you the power and the tools of the professional mediator. The process and techniques you will learn are becoming core competencies for employees in many companies. The instructors have been certified by the Mediation Training Institute International (www.mediationworks.com). The cost is \$245 per person.

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- **Cheetah Meetings: Good Meetings Guaranteed!** — May 2, 7:30-11:30 a.m., in classroom 15 of the Administration Building. You will learn proven techniques for holding effective meetings that build teams, and that get the results desired. Included are all the forms, assessments and procedures you and your team will need along with some potent tools that will dramatically improve your meetings. The cost is \$150 per person.

OSHA Region X classes

In conjunction with the Voluntary Protection Program Association Annual Conference, the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will offer the following Occupational Safety and Health Administration Region X classes on May 6.

- **Permit Entry Confined Spaces** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course covers the duties of entrant, attendant, supervisor and rescue team. Case histories are presented along with demonstrations of accidents. Testing and ventilation will be stressed. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Rick Gleason of Prezant Associates.
- **Sampling for Hazardous Materials** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This awareness-level course will address regulatory issues. Air, soil, and water sampling, as well as sampling methodology, are covered. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Maura Doherty of Marine & Environmental Testing.
- **Homeland Defense - Bio-Terrorism** — 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Using a risk- management approach, attendees will learn how to protect their company from a terrorist attack. Students conduct a vulnerability assessment and threat analysis to determine possible dangers in their facility. The cost is \$80. The presenter is Joseph Teeple of We're Into Safety.

To register for any of these sessions, contact Lynda Stoneberg at (360) 902-5554 or at ston235@lni.wa.gov.

MicroShield course offered May 6-8

Project Enhancement Corporation will conduct a MicroShield course, all-inclusive level, at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center May 6-8. MicroShield is used for analysis involving gamma and X-ray radiation. The software has been applied to problems involving shielding design, waste calculations, decontamination effectiveness, source inference, ALARA decisions and many other situations where exposure of personnel or equipment is to be analyzed. The cost is \$1,050 per participant. The course offers 10 continuing education credits for certified health physicists in the recertification program. To register or for more information, contact Yvonne Miller at (240) 686-3059 or at ymiller@pec1.net. ♦



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

March 31	1-4 p.m.	Sound Safety
April 21	2-5 p.m.	BC Sales

100K Area

parking lot south of MO-401

April 22	7-10 a.m.	BC Sales
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200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

April 1	7 a.m.-12 p.m.	Sound Safety
April 22	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	BC Sales

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

April 1	1-4 p.m.	Sound Safety
April 22	2-5 p.m.	BC Sales

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AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

Conference for office professionals - April 15-16

Registration is open now through April 8 for the 17th Annual Hanford Office Professionals Training and Development Conference, April 15-16 at the Royal Hotel (formally the Tower Inn) on George Washington Way in Richland. The two-day conference has identical programs each day to allow flexibility in scheduling companies and participants. "Learning Curve for a Lifetime" is the conference theme. JoAnne Nai-che of nai-che & associates, inc., will provide the morning motivation; Scott Lerch of Microsoft will discuss smart living in the digital decade; Kathy Dechter will punch up your punctuation; and Barry Weaver of the U.S. Department of Energy will "Lighten up" the afternoon. The conference can accommodate up to 200 participants each day. Limited seating is available for each company, so register early. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hanford.gov/misc_info/professional/index.html. The conference is hosted by Fluor Federal Services and Eberline Services Hanford.

May 10 golf tournament to benefit Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council is holding the Fourth Annual Girl Scout Golf Classic Tournament on May 10 at the Tri-City Country Club in Kennewick. The Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council supports programs for girls — camps, sports activities, cultural and science and engineering events — in more than 14 counties in Washington and northern Oregon, including the Tri Cities. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$100 per player, \$400 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded. A silent auction will be held. For more information, call the council office at 783-7721.

Fish-tagging crew wanted at Hanford town site

A crew of four to six people (over age 16) is needed for up to 12 days starting approximately May 12 to assist the Yakama Indian Nation in tagging 200,000 juvenile wild fall chinook salmon at the old Hanford town site at Hanford. No prior experience is necessary. Wages are \$9.50 per hour. Weekend work may be required. For further information, please contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at (503) 238-3566 or via e-mail at tagfish@critfc.org.

'Healthy Ways to Healthy Days' seminar in April

The CH2M HILL Hanford Group Administrative Accident Prevention Council and the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation are sponsoring a "Healthy Ways to Healthy Days" information seminar to be held in April. The seminar will cover topics such as improved health, good nutrition, good sleep habits and exercise. Alanna Brandon of HEHF will demonstrate exercises that can be done in the office to relieve stress and to help with ergonomics. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 2440 Stevens, room 1305-ABC, 3-4 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 9, in the 200 East Area, 2704-HV, room G-206, 1-2 p.m.

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Astronomy Club event on April 4

The Tri-City Astronomy Club will sponsor a public star gaze on April 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. in Lynwood Loop Park in north Richland. Club members will have telescopes set up to view the moon, Jupiter, Saturn, and other celestial objects. The planet Mercury may be visible to those who come early — just after the 6:30 p.m. sunset. Families and children are welcome. If it is cloudy, the club will reschedule for the next night, at the same time and location. For more information, contact Roy Gephart at roy.gephart@pnl.gov or at 376-1421.

April 8 AQP/ASQ meeting features of ISO 14000

At the April 8 meeting of the local Association for Quality and Participation and the American Society for Quality at the Richland Shilo Inn, James L. Smith and Dominic Canazaro of Bechtel National will discuss International Standards Organization 14000 — why it was developed, its benefits, and what ISO 14000 can teach quality professionals. Check-in and networking start at 5:30 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6, and the presentation is at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and ASQ members, \$18 for non-members, or \$5 for presentation only. Make your reservation by April 3. Call 372-1442, send an e-mail to lynn_l_gates@rl.gov, or register via the AQP chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>. Click on "What's Next" for additional information about the program, speakers and the dinner menu.

NMA Fashion Show scheduled for April 24

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will hold a fashion show and wine-tasting on April 24 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland to raise funds to support community youth programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, Mid-Columbia Science Camp, Crystal Apple Awards, Washington Business Week, Partners and Pals, Junior Achievement and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The social begins at 7 p.m. and the fashion show is 7:30-8:30. Wine-tasting will precede and follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$15 for the fashion show only, \$25 for the fashion show and wine-tasting, and \$10 for donation and an opportunity to win door prizes. Contact Brenda Pangborn at 372-3841 or Karen Welsh at 376-2151 to purchase tickets.

Volunteers needed to judge student business projects

Judges are needed to judge Pasco High School students' business projects during Enterprise 2003, May 1 and 2. Enterprise 2003 is a week-long program in which all Pasco High School juniors form mock companies and learn to make decisions about product development, marketing and finances. Volunteers are needed to judge marketing presentations on May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco; stockholder presentations on May 2, 8-10:30 a.m. at Pasco High School; and trade shows May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at TRAC. For more information, contact Kelly Greenhalgh at 547-5581, ext. 4612.

Donate blood at HAMMER May 7

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, May 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the vehicle bay of the Al Alm Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Call Libby Sickler at 376-7117 to schedule an appointment. ■

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GENERAL INFO & ACTIVITIES

MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER — It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

HRA DISCOUNTS — Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to see the discounts list.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

POSITION ON THE HERO BOARD — The position of 100 Area representative on the HERO Board is vacant. If you would like to apply and have your manager's consent, send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha.

SKI BLUEWOOD — Lift ticket vouchers are \$27 for adults, \$23 for students (with valid ASB card), \$20 for children (in first through eighth grade) and seniors (65 years and older). These prices reflect a \$3 discount. Send your check payable HERO to Tricia Poland (T5-04).

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$5 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5.50 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. Regal and Carmike tickets are valid in Seattle and Spokane as well as the Tri-Cities. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Ginny Wallace (S7-03), Marta Cabellero (S5-14) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$9.50 with no show restrictions. These tickets are also good for Ellensburg and Walla Walla. For Yakima Mercy or Sunnyside tickets, send checks (no cash) to Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Jim Hopfinger (S7-39) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

YAKIMA CHRISTMAS PARTY — You have shown some interest and shared some ideas but our Yakima HERO representative is still looking for input to re-establish the Yakima Christmas Party for 2003. Contact Jim Hopfinger by e-mail or at 376-1499 with any suggestions.

UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Canadian Rockies Train Tour** — May 9-17. The price is \$2,199 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 14 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. Payment is due as soon as possible. Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, and explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. Visit Kamloops, Jasper, Ice Fields Parkway, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> for more information or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail.

• **New Orleans Getaway** — May 19-23. \$1,099 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and six meals during this five-day getaway to the "Jazz Capital of the World." A deposit of \$160 per person will reserve your spot. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single. A deposit of \$430 is due to hold your space, and the balance is due July 23. Credit cards are accepted. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. We will fly round-trip from Pasco. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time also to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. Start saving now for an exciting adventure. E-mail Nancie Simon or call 373-2587 for more information.

• **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pasco, four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. Don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Jim Hopfinger for more information.

• **Reflections of Italy** — Departure date is Nov. 3. \$2,782 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and 13 meals during this 10-day journey to Italy, beginning in Rome, "the Eternal City." A deposit of \$430 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due Sept. 4. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

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• **San Antonio Christmas** – Dec. 8-12. The price is \$1,229 pp for twin, \$1,209 pp for triple and \$1,599 for singles. Includes round-trip airfare from Seattle, transfers, three breakfasts, and three dinners. A cancellation waiver and travel insurance are available for an additional \$60. Highlights of the trip will be Paseo Del Rio, the Alamo, a Mexican marketplace, the LBJ Ranch, Cavern Carolers and Fiesta De Las Luminarias. A deposit of \$100 is due by July 31. Contact Cheri McGee for details.

• **Switzerland** — Nov. 3-11. The price is \$1,879 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 11 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$250 deposit is due May 3 and the balance is due Sept. 4. The medieval city of Bern is our host city. Highlights of the tour include the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, Lake Geneva and the medieval Castle of Chillon. Enjoy breathtaking Alpine views with a ride on the Panoramic Express Train to Gstaad. Then on to Interlaken, Grindewald, Zurich, Burgdorf Castle, Lucerne and an optional tour to Germany and the mystical Black Forest. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail for more information. ♦



Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

KENNEWICK

Riders wanted for Van No.123 to 200E, 8x9s shift. Safe, dependable and friendly. Current stops are Huntington Transit Station, Federal Building, 2750-E, MO-414 2704-HV, and 2701-HV. Call **Eric** at 373-4497 or at 735-6755 (home). 3/31

Vanpool No. 97 has an opening for one 8x9 rider. Leaves from Shopko in Kennewick with a pick-up at the Federal Building in Richland and drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. Rate as low as \$54.20 per month. Call **Mike Bryden** at 373-4624. 3/24

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 195, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. from Richland to 200E has an opening. Picks up along George Washington Way, Jadwin Avenue north of Van Giesen St., 7-Eleven on George Washington Way and 2440 Stevens south parking lot. Stops at 272-AW, 2750-E, CSB and 2704-HV locations. Candidate riders from 2704-HV or CSB must be willing to be an occasional back-up driver from 2750-E. Call **Richard** at 372-0755. 3/31

Spacious seating available for 8x9 riders to 200W on Van No. 117. Roundtrip from parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 3/31

Gas prices cutting into your budget? Catch our van and save. We start at Chuck E Cheese, stop by the Federal Building, and drop off at 2753, 2719-EA, WESF, CSB, and 2704-HV. Call **Barb** at 373-2006 or **Beth** at 376-0971. 3/31

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 3/24

ZILLAH

Looking for a vanpool or carpool from Zillah area to 100K, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Will also consider catching a ride with a van or car coming from Yakima/Moxee areas. Contact **Nancy Zeuge** by e-mail or at 373-3651. 3/24 ♦